

SPORTS

USSR in the finals

The Soviet football side have made the world cup finals due in Moscow next summer, beating Norway 1-0 in their closing European qualification group G game. Kondratyev netted the winning goal.

Denmark and Switzerland are vying for the group's second final place, with the Danish favourites with a far better goal difference. On November 13 Ireland takes on Denmark and Switzerland meets Norway.

European champions France beat Group 4 outsiders Luxembourg 6-0 after an unsuccessful spell to improve their cup chances. Bulgaria has already secured a cup spot in the group and France, Yugoslavia and the GDR are in contention for the third place. On November 16 France plays Yugoslavia and the GDR meets Bulgaria.

16 of 24 cup finalists are already known—Mexico, Italy, Brazil, Argentina, Uruguay, Canada, England, West Germany, Poland, Hungary, Portugal, Spain, the USSR, Bulgaria, Morocco and Algeria.



Tense moment outside the Norwegian goal in the USSR vs Norway game. Photo by Boris Koufmann

FINISH IS NEAR AT HAND

The world chess title match is rapidly drawing to a close. 21 games have been played, and there is no telling whether the three remaining games will be needed to name the winner.

At 11-9 in his favour challenger Garry Kasparov availed himself of his last, third time-out. The explanation is simple. Defending champion Karpov was so active in the adjourned and later resumed 20th game that the challenger saw it fitting to

lessen the tensions to dampen the opponent's fervour.

The next game proved his strategy correct. It seemed, though, at first that Karpov was equally determined to get his way — he made an original "move" playing Black — in the Queen opening he first repeated the "moves" of his partner which the latter had made in the previous game, but on the 11th move he departed from the trail blazed by Kasparov, allowing the opponent to use an aggressive

variant introduced at his time by many-time world champion Mikhail Botvinnik. In the ensuing situation there were equal chances for both but at one point Karpov erred by agreeing to changing the Queen and thus weakening his position. Then he erred again, and the challenger's position became still better.

The game was adjourned on the 41st move. Viktor BABKIN, chess observer

FIELD HOCKEY

With two rounds to go in the national men's championship the top three have become known. Alina-Aia Dynamo edged Moscow FII to win the title but the losers still got the bronze medals. The Sverdlovsk Army club placed second.

Prost's record plans

With two stages to go in the Formula 1 motor racing, Alain Prost has seen his dream come true of long last by winning the world title, his first yet, in the most prestigious auto racing class.

The road to this title was at once long and at the same time short for the smallish Frenchman is affectionately called "le jockey racer". Born in 1955 into a provincial family, he was antiruled by motor racing from childhood. He started off with go-karts and soon won the national and European titles. At the age of 20 he won a scholarship for the racing school of the French motorsport federation, where he was the most able and diligent trainee. Competing in the Renault Formula 1 a year later he won 12 out of 13 stages. Later he once again succeeded in this formula and Formula 2. In 1979 he won the European Formula 3 and the prestigious Monaco race.

His dream started cooling true in 1980, when he was invited by McLaren to compete in Formula 1. In that season he placed fifth and twice sixth. The following year he joined Renault to win a Grand Prix in France and also in Holland and Italy.

He had high hopes for the 1982 season but his time had not yet come. Renault chief Gerard Larrousse sings his praises for being courageous, daring, skill-

Success for youthful players

The USSR junior female handball squad have won the world title beating South Korea in Seoul 27-25.

While clearly out of their element in the first half, the USSR regained the initiative in the second to clinch the title.

UEFA sanctions

The UEFA disciplinary commission has decided to fine Turkish Fenarbahce 34,880 dollars for especially unsportsmanlike conduct during their European Champions Cup game with Swedish CS:ieborg.

The fine is the result of violent behaviour towards the referee by some Turkish players. Goalie Yilmaz Nurettin was disqualified for five games and another two Turks for one game each. The UEFA statement stresses that further penalties could be taken against Fenarbahce.

The biggest UEFA fine of 93,000 dollars was imposed last spring on Inter for its fans' hostility during a game against West German Cologne.



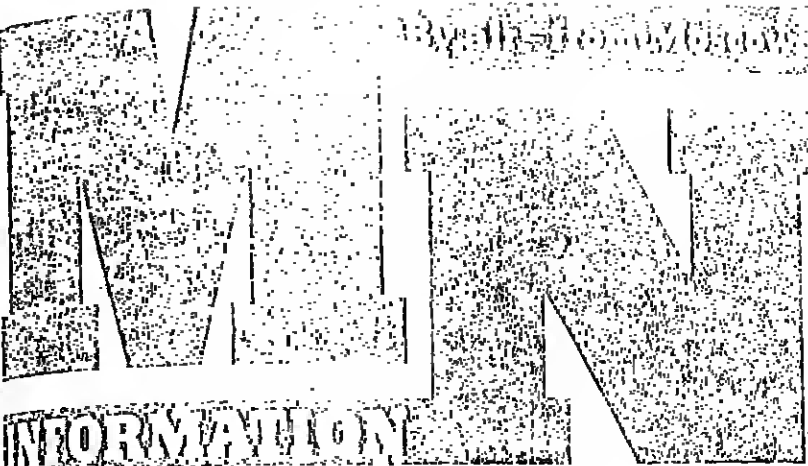
full and resourceful. But he was dropped from the team for his frankness.

Last year he was again with McLaren where Niki Lauda's example helped him get better, too, in competition tactics. That season Lauda and Prost, driving McLaren cars with the top Porsche engine, were outvied by the wise Lauda who, with only half a point ahead of Prost.

So of long last Prost placed fourth in the recent Brands Hatch race to clinch the world title.

He has now 21 Grand Prix wins under his belt, and his current ambition is to equal Jackie Stewart's 27 wins and then to become the first racer in the event's history to win the title for three times running.

Boris MIKHAILOV



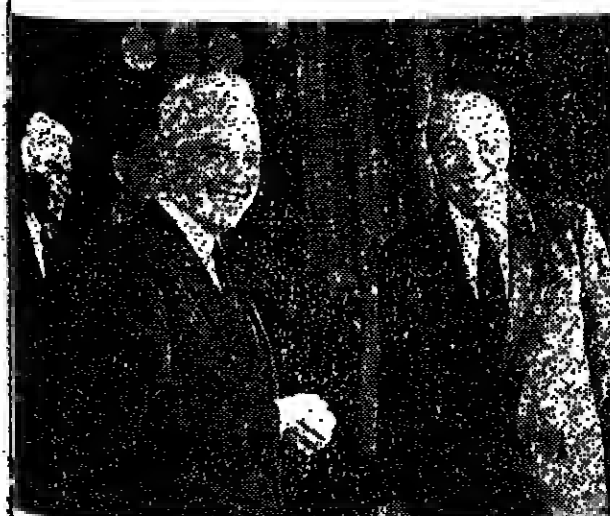
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KOS KADAR: PRESSING ISSUES OF THE DAY MUST HAVE POLITICAL SOLUTION

Largest The arms race has led to the most dangerous situation in the world. The deployment of the new medium-range nuclear weapons has heightened the military and political tensions in the world further, stresses Hungarian leader J. Kadar in his speech "Hungary and Peace in the World" appearing in the latest issue of "New Hungarian Weekly".

The military equilibrium between the Soviet Union and the United States, between the Warsaw Treaty and NATO is a matter of a lasting peace, stresses the article. The Helsinki accords will remain an active position in international, European relations, concludes as they do to promote and multilateral dialogue between states. We are for negotiations, for development of relations and for a political solution of the international conflicts.



George Shultz in Moscow

The USSR Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze had a meeting in Moscow with the US Secretary of State George Shultz. George Shultz is on a working visit in the USSR, together with Robert McFarlane, Assistant to President for National Security Affairs.

A meeting at the airport.

Nicaraguans resolved to fight

Nicaragua, industrial and oil workers have demonstrated their resolve to defend the Revolution and do their patriotic duty by fighting the enemy country. In the underground, the US is waging a war against Nicaragua. Offices and enterprises have successfully completed enrollment of citizens to the army reserve.

The enrollment order was issued by the Defence Ministry in the intensified American military, political and economic pressures on Nicaragua. Under the order, all the male population of between 17 and 60 years become reservists. More than forty thousand factory and office workers turned up at draft centres for enrollment.

South Africa restricts journalists

London. The South African government has imposed new restrictions on the journalists covering recent unrest in the country. Reports from Johannesburg declared illegal filming of demonstrations, dispensals. The new restrictions against foreign journalists, particularly those imposed on the television crews, are tantamount to complete censorship on reporting of violence which over the past year has

journalists

claimed the lives of more than eight hundred people. Violation of the ban carries the sentence of ten years in prison. The journalists note that the South African government does not want the world to know "the bad news from South Africa". In Johannesburg, representatives of more than 200 foreign press agencies and newspapers have declared a protest against the new restrictions.

ANGOLAN PEOPLE ARE NOT ALONE

Lusaka. The People's Republic of Angola is going through a hard period in its history. Racist South Africa, supported by international imperialism, is trying to impose its rule on the country. The US is continuing an undeclared war against our country, said the Minister of Foreign Affairs, secretary of the MPLA Workers' Party Central Committee.

He stressed the staunch determination of the Angolan people to defend their revolutionary gains to continue the struggle against domestic and foreign enemies until their ultimate goal. In this just struggle the people of Angola are not alone: they enjoy the solidarity and support of the socialist community and progressive forces of the world over.

THE LAW OF PARTY LIFE

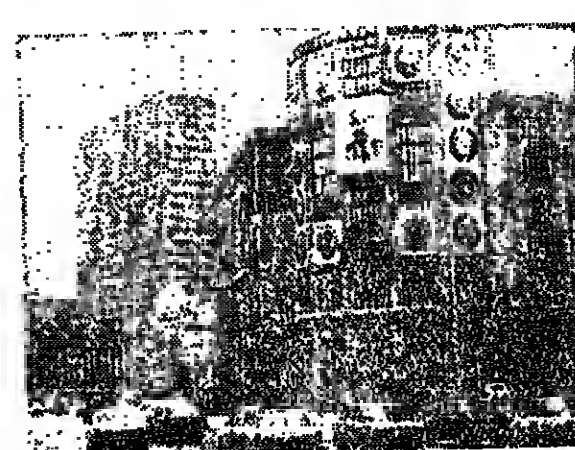
▲ A draft of the CPSU Rules has just been published together with changes to be finally considered by the 27th CPSU Congress.

▲ The CPSU Central Committee has called on all Soviet Communists (they number about 19 million) to participate in the discussion of this document.

▲ The proposed changes bring the CPSU Rules in accord with the new edition of the Party Programme the draft of which is already being widely discussed in the country.

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The Great October celebrations



The Central Telegraph building in Gurky Street decorated for the occasion.



The Red Square in these days.

Photos by Boris Koufmann

In Moscow, guests from abroad have immersed into the atmosphere of pre-festive bustle and bustle reigning in the Soviet capital. They see the hushed columns of the autumn being eclipsed by the red — the colour of the Revolution, of October.

The streets, lawns and squares of the capital are decorated in the morning of the 7th November, 24 television cameras will follow millions of Soviet and foreign viewers about a military parade and demonstrations by the working people in honour of the 68th anniversary of the Great October Revolution.

On the festive days there will be lotes and processions at 14 Moscow parks of culture and recreation. On their concert stages, variety artists, drama actors and amateur singers and dancers will give open-air performances. Participants of marathon races will assemble on the embankment of the Moskva River.

It is impossible to imagine the October palladium of the city without its new residential estates, where in the past year alone 300 thousand people moved into new flats. By tradition, thousands of Muscovites have already received keys to new flats.

CIA CONSPIRACY TO ASSASSINATE GADDAFI

Washington. President Reagan has ordered an investigation into the leak concerning the CIA's large-scale covert operation to overthrow the present Libyan Government.

"The Washington Post" newspaper reports that in June last year the CIA and other intelligence services in the United States drew up a highly confidential survey which came to an unambiguous conclusion that without the liquidation of the leader of the Libyan Revolution, Muammar al-Gaddafi, no one should expect significant long-term changes in the Libyan policies. The survey pointed to the possibility of staging an attempt on the Libyan leader's life. "The Washington Post" recalls that at least two abortive attempts of assassination of Gaddafi were made early this year.

More than 10,000 Canadians took part in a recent anti-war demonstration in Toronto organized as part of the Disarmament Action Week. The protesters demanded that a nuclear catastrophe be averted, the arms race on Earth halted and subsequently prevented from spilling into outer space. Reagan's "war" programme also came under strong condemnation.

Protesters march in Toronto.



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Full house of badminton

Never before has the Moscow universal gym Druzhba, which seats nearly 4,000, gathered so many fans for the finals of the "Literaturnaya Rossiya" weekly prize contested by Austria, Bulgaria, the GDR, Denmark, India, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Poland, Sweden, West Germany and the USSR.

Despite such a broad representation, the USSR took three titles out of five. Tatyana Litvinenko beat previous triple prize holder Svetlana Belyasova (both of the USSR), to win her second title. Belyasova later joined forces with Yelena Ryukina to defeat Litvinenko and Viktoriya Pron in the women's pairs. Later still she partnered Sergei Savryukov to defeat West Germany's Melhild Haghehaon and Shtefan Frey in the mixed doubles. Proy further teamed up with Tomas Kunstler to win the men's pairs against Sweden's Peter Axelsson and Jonas Hagerstrand. Syed Modi of India won the men's singles.

Poul-Erik Nielsen, president of the International Badminton Federation, was an honorary guest and this was his first visit to the USSR after his election. He told an MNI correspondent that there were over 50 million badminton enthusiasts worldwide. Badminton was recently included in the Olympic Games and may feature at the 1992 Summer Games.

Svetlana Belyasova and Sergei Savryukov won the badminton mixed doubles.

Photo by Sergei Chelnokov

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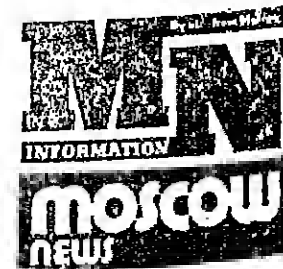
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Theatre, Cinema and TV Stars

LYUDMILA GURCHENKO



Actress Lyudmila Gurchenko is not deprived of her fair share of public attention and popularity. To her credit are awards from international and national festivals. She is a winner of the USSR State Prize and a People's Artist of the USSR. Her acting career since, it is possible to assume that general recognition was "computerized" for her at the very start — thirty years ago. In fact, the start promised much.

In the musical comedy "Carnival Night" directed by the then budding Eldar Ryazanov, Gurchenko played the lead, demonstrating superb plasticity and striking vocal talent in a variety of roles. The youthful actress with a fantastic waist found herself under the deluge of no less fantastic fame. Offers to appear in other musicals flooded her. Gurchenko accepted them but these roles were only reflections of what she achieved in "Carnival Night". As a result, film directors, as if in agreement, turned their backs on Gurchenko: her musical talents did not interest them any longer, and they did not see her as a "serious" drama actress either.

This continued for more than fifteen years. At the beginning of the 70s film director Viktor Tregubovich of Leningrad promoted the appearance of a "new Gurchenko". He engaged her in the leading role in his film "The Old Waltz". Gurchenko's interpretation could be described as more than interesting. She played the part of the director of a weaving factory whose businesslike and dispassionate face concealed a fragile and responsive soul. This marked the booming start of the "new Gurchenko". An actress of highly dramatic voice, she proves with every

work of hers that she is in to play lofty tragedy, or melodrama, or comedy. But exceptionally brilliant to Gurchenko in those roles the scripts of which allow her to make a wonderful combination of laughter and tears. Take, for instance, Vera — in "Station for Two" directed by Ryazanov — a waiter from a provincial restaurant, or Rita — in "Mechanic Gavril's Beloved Woman" directed by Pyotr Todorovsky — how much dignity and inexhaustible warmth possesses this woman in despair.

Gurchenko repeatedly admitted that her favorite roles are of wartime and post-war women ("Twenty Days Without War", "Siberiade", "Five Evenings"). These characters have much in common — all of them are devoid of emotional warmth, while the love which they eventually find is destined to perish during violent war years.

As for the musical genre, the actress is still faithful to it. Take, for instance, films "Mommy" or "The Youth Pollen" (a musical version of Karel Capek's play "The Makropoulos Secret") or a TV show "Donelli Performance" where Gurchenko played ten whole roles. At Central TV, too, she appeared in two programmes and sang popular wartime songs and those of the '50s. The performance did not resemble the lovely "retro", so much popular today, but was a musical story about time full of drama and warm humour.

The amount of roles performed by Gurchenko in cinema and TV could be enough, I think, for several lifetimes of other actresses. But for Gurchenko the limits are too narrow. Five years ago she wrote a book "My Growing-up Childhood" which proved her to be a talented writer. The actress dedicated the book to her father and showed his character with psychological profundity. Recently the magazine "Our Contemporary" published her new book entitled "Applause". With what the heart sincerely the actress describes the years that followed her fantastic success in "Carnival Night", the time when the tide of popularity subsided and gave way to a seemingly desolate time. "But it is those years that deserve attention," writes Gurchenko in her book "Applause". "Those years made me wrong. They bear factors which were destined to develop later into roles of women who went through severe life experience."

It is this kind of woman whom Gurchenko introduces to us in the new film with almost the same title as the book — "Applause, Applause..." directed by Viktor Buturlin, and based on a script written by Viktor Merezhko specially for the actress.

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FACTS and EVENTS

Books. The Georgian Murat Publishers have prepared for publication the full text of Alexander Dumas' book "The Caucasus". (Only a few copies are left of the only concise edition in Russian published in 1911 (25 years ago).) For the first time the book will feature reproductions of the Caucasian sights made by the French publisher Jean-Baptiste Mollet who accompanied Dumas in his travels.

Films. Ancient walls of the Rostov Kremlin have become a historical background for a feature film "Boris Godunov". There, in Rostov-the-Great, in surroundings of ancient palaces and cathedrals, film makers are shooting episodes of Tsarovich Dmitry's death. Starting is Sergei Bondarchuk, who is also the chief director of the film.

Museums. A subsidiary of the Vasily Polenov state historical-artistic and natural museum-prospective has been opened in the village of Bekhovo, in a picturesque church on the bank of the Oke River which the great Russian painter planned and built in the beginning of this century. The church was destroyed in the Great Patriotic War, when the Iron Division passed near the village. It has now been reopened after restoration and has acquired a new predilection.

Another meeting with Vrubel's art

Working in the Kiev Church of St. Kirill, a monument of ancient Russian architecture, restorers have managed to relieve the mural painting by Mikhail Vrubel "Descent of the Holy Ghost" from the traces of time and given it back the entire colour range of the original, which dates back to the '80s of the 19th century.

The complex of Vrubel's mural paintings in our repository is unique, says A. Fedchenko, head of the museum. The work,

which are in keeping with traditions of ancient fresco painting, are among the best examples of the last century's monumental art. Their author appears not only as a talented master of mural painting but as a brilliant colourist. An oil-painter used biblical subjects to convey human emotions, create psychological portraits of his contemporaries. From the point of view of the just restrained composition is especially expressive — almost everyone of his characters has his own prototype.



● "Kishin, The Polotskoy Church"
● "Byron"

The 20 Kuznetsky Most exhibition hall of the USSR Artists Union is currently hosting a show of works by Soviet graphic artist professor Mikhail Melnikov (1901-1979). In the mid-20s he concentrated on book illustrations and line cuts. He worked for the publishing houses Academia, Sovetskoy Pisatel and the Khudozhestvennaya Literatura and Delo. Among many others he illustrated Konstantin Stanislavsky's book "My Life in Art", Bram Stoker's "Dracula" and early Russian Chronicles.

NOVEMBER TOUR BILLBOARD

In November foreign performers will appear in over 50 cities of the Soviet Union.

Muscovites will again meet the Comedie-Française company. Its tour programme will feature a gala of Molière drama — a comedy "Le Misanthrope". Other visiting performers will be the chamber orchestra Gasparo de Saito from Italy, an instrumental sextet called Australia and the Tallish Quartet, one of Czechoslovakia's leading chamber ensembles. The famous Indian dancer Ashu Kuchavala will appear with a solo programme, Ulara Dances. Piano pieces performed by musicians from the GDR,

Norway, Yugoslavia, Cuba, Greece will sound in the biggest concert halls of the country. Organ players from Great Britain and the FRC will give recitals before Soviet music lovers. Variety fans will meet collectives and performers from various countries as well as famous Italian singer and composer Toto Cutugno and a French variety singer Isabelle Aubert. Big artistic collectives, famous soloists, instrumentalists, singers, conductors and ballet dancers will represent Soviet art abroad. In November they will visit 30 countries in Europe, Asia and Latin America.

RENAISSANCE MASTERPIECES

More than forty canvases by famous masters are up on exhibition, "Masterpieces of Venetian Renaissance Painting", which opened at the Leningrad Hermitage Museum recently. The collection includes paintings from museums of Venice, Rome, Florence, Milan and Naples. It is a reciprocal exhibition — recently paintings by French artists (19th-20th centuries) from the collections of the Hermitage and the Pushkin Fine Arts Museum were successfully shown in Italy.



The Moldavian folk dance group recently marked their 45th anniversary. During this period 13,000,000 admirers on five continents warmly applauded their superb mastery, scintillating optimism and brilliant artistic imagination. The group's repertoire comprises numerous lively dances, lyrical ring dances, festive songs, ballads, songs and instrumental miniatures. The performers are highly talented and are not only in Moldova but in every other country as well. They are currently preparing a new programme to coincide with the 60th anniversary of the October Socialist Revolution.

WHAT'S ON?

November 5-11

THEATRES

Kremlin Palace of Congresses (Kremlin). 9 (mat), 9 (mat), 11 (mat). Concerts. Bolshoi Theatre performances: 5 (mat), "Giselle" (ballet); 7 (eve) — Double-bill: Chopin, "Chopiniana"; "Diabolism" (one-act ballet); 9 (eve) — Verdi, "Il Trovatore" (opera); 10 — Rostislav, "The Barber of Seville" (opera).

Bolshoi Theatre (Sverdlov Sq.). 6 — Khachaturian, "Spartacus" (ballet); 7 (mat) — Khachaturian, "Love for Love" (ballet); 7 (eve) — Tchaikovsky, "Eugene Onegin" (opera); 8 (mat) — Double-bill: Rimsky-Korsakov, "Mazur and Saito"; Tchaikovsky, "Onegin" (opera); 8 (eve) — Triple-bill: Sviridov, "The Red Cavalier"; Bizet, "Carmen"; "Carmen-Suite" (one-act ballet); 9 (mat) — A concert; 9 (eve) — Minkus, "Don Quixote" (ballet); 10 — Handel, "Giulio Cesare" (opera).

Stanislavsky and Nemirovich-Danchenko Music Theatre (17 Pushkinskaya). 6 (mat), 9 (mat) — Morozov, "Doctor Doolittle" (ballet); 9 (eve) —

FILMS

There Lived a Brave Captain (Mosfilm Studio, USSR). About 1000 seats. Accompanied by soldiers in the North Sea. World War II. Cinema "Udarnik" (2 Spasskaya St.). Metro-Bitva (Mosfilm). The Meeting of the Donets (Mosfilm Studio). An historical about the fiery battle of the Donets River. The film is a powerful and moving picture. Cinema "Prizyv" (17 Pushkinskaya). Metro-Bitva (Mosfilm Studio). Metro-Bitva (Mosfilm Studio).

BUSINESS

PLANT FOR GREECE

In September 1985 V/O Tsel'nykh and Greek company S.A. Hellenic Alumina S.A. signed a contract for the construction of an alumina plant with a capacity of 600 thousand tonnes a year. The plant will be located 200 km away from Athens. Under the contract, the Soviet company will supply the design, supervise the construction and deliver the industrial complex to the established guarantee.

period, organize training of the maintenance personnel. In accordance with the agreement reached part of the alumina produced by the plant will be exported to the USSR during ten years, which will allow not only to pay for the services of the Soviet organization, but will furnish a reliable market for the output of the plant. Besides, it will contribute to a better balanced trade between the two countries.

Ilyichevsk—Varna transportation bridge

An international Soviet-Bulgarian crossing ferry company Ilyichevsk—Varna has started an accelerated sailing schedule. The to-and-fro of the ferries now takes 54 hours. This achievement, which has been considered a breakthrough, has now become a routine for all the ferries on this line.

In seven years more than 25 million tonnes of freight have been delivered both ways along this transportation bridge. The flow of cargo continues to grow. With the commissioning of the second hydraulic device for docking the vessel with shore rails it will become possible for two ferries to be moored simultaneously. Each ferry carries aboard 100 railwagons.

Deliveries from GDR

Before the end of this year Hansa-Baniet locomotive and electric engineering plant, Elektromotorenwerke integrated works, a rolling stock works and several other enterprises will manufacture for the Soviet Union heavy-duty locomotives at the L-21 type intended for mining industry, electric locomotives capable of operating in severe weather conditions, refrigerator and passenger cars and gearmotors. Many types of this equipment have been jointly developed by specialists of both countries and its delivery to the USSR is stipulated in contracts signed by V/O Mashinimport and Sudpromimport and Elektrotechnische foreign trade organizations of the GDR.

CONCERT HALLS

Chernyshevsky Sports Complex (Prospect Mira). 5-8 — Festive concert featuring Alexander Ivanov, a soloist, Gennady Khazanova, variety performer, the Krut'ka group, the Aral ensemble and circus "Chernyshevsky".

EXHIBITIONS

Central Artists Club (110/14 Pushkinskaya). Paintings, drawings, sculptures, decorative and applied art, as well as the theatre costumes by over 1600 Moscow artists are on display. Daily, except Mondays, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Park Kultury.

SPORTS

Chess. Tchaikovsky Concert Hall. 5 — World title match. Anatoly Karpov (USSR) vs Garry Kasparov (USSR). 5 p.m.

Football. Olimpiyskiy Sports Complex (Central Stadium). 11 — USSR championship. Top league. Moscow Dynamo vs Leningrad Zenit. 7 p.m.

All matches between the Moscow teams (Spartak, Dynamo (CAC)) will be held on the artificial pitch up to the end of the championship.

ICE HOCKEY

Small Sports Arena (Luzhiki). USSR championship. Top league. 6 — Moscow Dynamo vs Kiev Sokol. 8:45 p.m.

WEATHER

November 5-11. In Moscow, city and region, warm weather with night temperatures at 0°-3°C (during day, 10°-15°C). Windy intervals. Day, temperatures will reach +1°-4°C. Night, after the first two days, a wind predominantly.

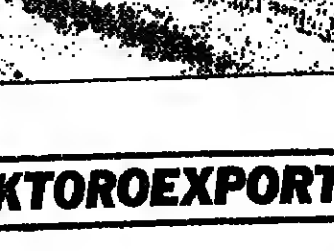
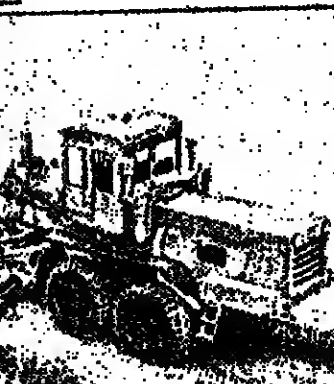
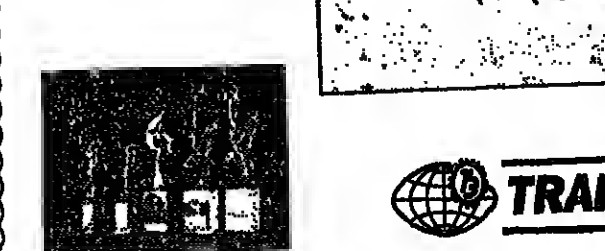
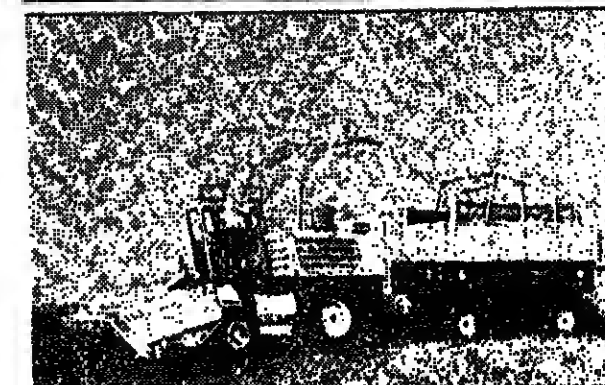
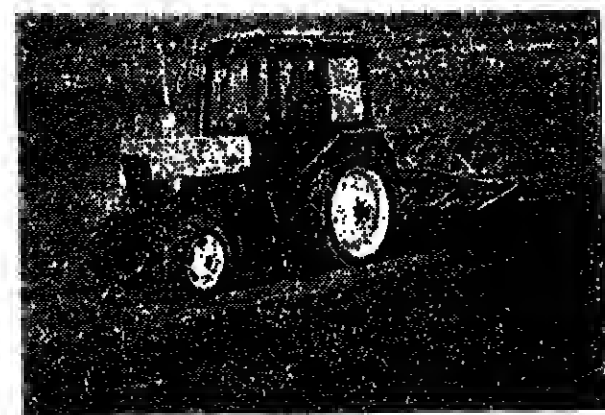
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Finnish firm buys Soviet wine licence

A Finnish firm, Marli, has purchased a Soviet licence of the sparkling wine technology. The technology was designed at the sparkling wines research laboratory attached to the USSR Food Industry and the All-Union Correspondence Food recipe was included into the international wine-making techniques code of the GSI. General Assembly of the International Vinticulture and Wine-Making Organization held this autumn in Paris.

The Assembly was attended by Professor Nostik Sarashvili, Director of the Moscow branch of "Magarach", an affiliate of the All-Union Vinticulture and Wine-Making Research Institute. He made a report on a Soviet technology for the continuous manufacture of sparkling wines. Today, the Soviet technology is well known to a number of foreign wine-makers who have purchased it, said Professor Sarashvili.

Champagne was first made three centuries ago in the French province of Champagne, by means of a technology regarded as classic. Bottles of champagne go through a number of consecutive cycles with the wine kept for several years to mature. Wine-makers in many countries searched for ways to make wine mature over a shorter time. It took Soviet specialists a number of years to arrive at their new method, the theoretical foundations of which were laid by Professor Georgi Agabekyan.

One can judge the high quality of wine made on the basis of our recipe from Fonseca bottle labels. It says that the wine is quite extraordinary sparkling variety and has pleasant fresh-

ness and crystal clear transparency. It is a splendid sample for those who prefer dry sparkling wines. Although this is written for publicity, it precisely sums up the quality of our wine.

Wine made in a continuous process is known in the USSR as Soviet Champagne. It is produced by a number of wine-making enterprises in this country. At international wine contests it often wins first places and Grand Prix.

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Meeting in Moscow

The first ever seminar of tourist agents from Latin America was held recently in the congress hall of one of the best Moscow hotels, Cosmos. The congress, which lasted three days, was attended by 80 representatives from 9 countries.

A photo exposition displayed of the hall's entrance gave the participants some idea about tourist landmarks in the Soviet republics. But more detailed information was provided by reports of the USSR State Committee for Foreign Tourism. The reports dealt with the development of tourism in the USSR, the holding of congresses, symposia and exhibitions in the USSR, as well as the agency of Latin American tourists conducted business negotiations on expanding tourist traffic and enlarging the number of tourist trips through the Soviet Union. The seminar participants felt as though they were visiting So-

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viat tourist centres themselves. Such an "effect of presence" was created by the picturesque and varied advertising films they saw: "Russian Winter", "Cruise Along the Volga", "Welcome to the Ukraine".

Summing up the proceedings of the seminar and of his stay in the USSR, one participant, Luis Escoto, head of the Mexican tourist firm, Sovietia de Viajes, said:

"It is not my first visit to the USSR but each time I come here I discover many new things both for myself and for the prospective development of tourism between our two countries. In future, we intend to increase the number of tourist centres in the USSR. Of special popularity among Mexican tourists are trips to Moscow and Leningrad. Mexicans also come to rest in the Central Asian and Baltic republics. It is noteworthy that all the agencies offered by Intourist are always available, well organized and impeccable."

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